(b) if so, the details of the Ministry's view on this vital issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) From time to time the issue has been highlighted by different bodies and individuals. The NCERT has recommended compulsory inclusion of Health and Physical Education including sports as a part of the curricula, at all the stages of school education, upto class XII. The Government is of the view that ensuring and facilitating students' participation in any games and sports of their choice would result in better health of the younger generation.

Dwelling units for teachers

†404. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for constructing dwelling units for teachers in the school premises itself all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) Government has no scheme for constructing dwelling units for teachers in the school premises. However, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti are providing staff quarters to their own staff including teachers.

National Service Scheme

405. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that National Service Scheme's volunteers from Karnataka are in the forefront of the scheme's activities at the national level;

(b) if so, what is the present quota for NSS volunteers at the college level, for Karnataka;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether there is any demand from Karnataka for increase in the quota of NSS volunteers; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) According to the information furnished by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the aim of the National Service Scheme (NSS) being "Personality Development of Students Youth through Community Service", the NSS volunteers are provided with ample opportunities to participate in various community development programmes and activities through which they can develop their personalities.The NSS volunteers of Karnataka are doing good work in Karnataka.

(b) The allocation for NSS volunteers for Karnataka State for the current year i.e. 2002-03, is 1,80,000.

(c) There is no demand from the Government of Karnataka to increase the strength of NSS volunteers in the State for the year 2003-04.

(d) Does not arise.

Special body to study courses/syllabi

406. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any special body in India to study various courses, syllabi, standards and credits and to equate them in relation to various universities in India and abroad;

(b) if so, what are the details of such a body; and

(c) if not, whether Government will consider it necessary to form such a body in the context of rapid globalization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Association of Indian Universities (AIU) is a special body